



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2015

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Commissioners Present: Christine Ferguson, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Diana Halleman, Sharon Dobson, Veralynn Morris, Valerie Dougherty, Annie Jones, Olga Hernandez-Smith, Rosario Campos and Ashley Collier

Commissioners Absent: Marcela Perez, Shellome Walters, Chloe Scott, Susan Mender

Guests Present: Evelyn Stephenson, Nina Carr, Tracey Gormer, Cameron Gormer, Silvia Munoz, Carole Sepe, and Ronnie Osterman

President Christine Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. A quorum was present.

I. President's Report and Announcements

- a. Commissioners, volunteers and guests introduced themselves.
- b. Minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Sharon Dobson pointed out a date correction. Commissioner Diana Halleman made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Commissioner Annie Jones seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
- c. Commissioner Diana Halleman introduced the meeting's presenters. Tracey and Cameron Gormer of Relay for Life presented the history and purpose of the event and offered opportunities for Commissioners to get involved.
- d. Calendar of Events.
 - President Ferguson reminded everyone that the Leadership Alliance Dinner will be held on March 19th and everyone Commissioner should set a goal to bring two people. President Ferguson reported 8 women and 4 students have been nominated.
 - Commissioner Olga Hernandez-Smith reported that she is involved in the Nelson Mandela Steering committee and asked the Commissioners to save the date – July 18th. Details to come
 - Human Relations Commission Annual Dinner – April 13th

II. Financial Report - None

III. Old Business

- a. Update on previous activities
 - Human Trafficking - Nina Carr is the newly appointment Chair for the planning committee developing the County Human Trafficking Task Force. President Ferguson reported that Evelyn Stephenson, Angela Spencer (Human Relations Commission), Ms. Carr, and she make up the committee. Once the Task Force is formed, members will be

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identified from different segments of the community. The goals of the planning committee are being developed.

- Internship program – Commissioner Annie Jones provided an update on efforts to secure an intern. The County has given approval for the Commission to participate in the Hood College Work Study program. A student at Mount Saint Mary's College is interested in interning for the commission. The student is interested in marketing.
 - Leadership Alliance Dinner – This topic was moved to the Closed Session agenda
- b. Appreciation from Centro Hispano – President Ferguson read a thank you letter from Centro Hispano expressing appreciation for the Commissioners' donations for toys and volunteers at their holiday event. Certificates of appreciation were distributed to the volunteers.

IV. New Business

- a. FCCFW will continue membership in the National Association of Commission for Women (NACW) at a cost of \$50 to be paid by March 31, 2015
- b. Commissioner Jones will be unable to attend the MLAW's Legislative Reception & Briefing on February 12, 2015, 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Any available Commissioner is asked to take her place.

V. Committee/Liaison Reports

- a. Legislative Committee - See report
 - Women's Legislative Briefing Conference – Commissioner Jones gave an overview of the nonpartisan event that included a presentation of history and data on human trafficking in Maryland.
- b. Marketing Committee - See report.
- c. Outreach Committee - See report.
 - The committee will focus on events related to poverty/homelessness, education and health.
- d. Recruiting/Volunteer Committee - See report.

VI. Adjourn: Public meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next public meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2015

- Speaker – Josh Pederson, Executive Director for United Way

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